

Preliminary Amendment dated May 27, 2005

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

### I. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

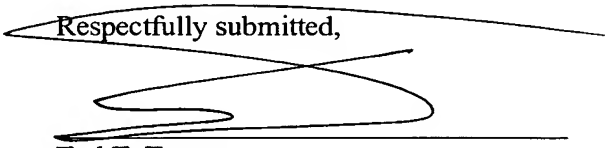
Claims 1-21 are currently pending. With this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant amends claims 2-10, 12-15, and 17-21. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments presented are to remove multiple dependant claims, to correct potential antecedent basis problems, and to generally bring the claims in conformance with domestic practice. Thus, none of these amendments are made to define over prior art. Further, the amendments presented are not narrowing amendments, and thus no *Festo*-type inquires should be invoked.

### II. CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned if any questions arise.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769.

Respectfully submitted,



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